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We welcome news that the Union Government and ethnic armed groups have signed a joint declaration stating that they have finalized a draft nationwide ceasefire agreement. A nationwide ceasefire agreement would mark a potentially historic step towards achieving peace and national reconciliation, which has eluded the country for decades.

We commend all sides for their strong commitment to dialogue and spirit of compromise towards resolving long-standing differences. The apparent consensus reached in the agreement and trust established through the negotiations will be essential foundations for an inclusive, transparent, and meaningful political dialogue, which remains the core requirement for lasting peace.

Consistent with our objective of supporting democracy, justice, peace, and national reconciliation, the United States stands ready to provide continued support for the peace process going forward as welcomed by the people of this country.

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